

Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme in Andhra Pradesh

1536. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the areas covered under the programme, district-wise;
- (c) whether TB cases are on the rise in the State; and
- (d) if so, the measures being taken to control TB cases in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The RNTCP is presently being implemented in the districts of Hyderabad, Medak, Anantapur, Mahaboobnagar, Rangareddy, Vizianagram and Chittoor.

(c) Number of TB cases reported in the State of Andhra Pradesh under the Programme during the last few years have been more or less the same, in relation to the population of the State.

(d) It is planned to implement RNTCP in all the districts of the State by 2002.

Setting up of a Joint Ayurveda Centre in Moscow

1537. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Russia have agreed to set-up a Joint Ayurveda Centre in Moscow;
- (b) whether Indian Ayurveda Experts have been working in Russia; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding has already been signed between the Federation of Russian Government and Government of India for collaboration and cooperation in the field of Indian System of Medicine teaching, treatment and research. As per the information available, a Joint Indo-Russian Centre on Ayurveda is envisaged to be set up under the Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology (ILTP).

(b) and (c) Three Indian Ayurveda experts are working on an individual contract basis for a private sector clinic "Medical Centre NAAMI-Ayu, Moscow".

Break-through in the fight against AIDS

1538. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Switzerland Scientists have made a discovery which may be a break-through in the fight against AIDS, as has been reported in "DECCAN HERALD" of 8th June, 2001;

(b) whether Government have taken note of this discovery; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such item has been found published in the "Deccan Herald" of 8th June, 2001.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

Selective female abortions

1539. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing instances of selective female abortions;

(b) if so, the details of the action to be taken by Government to keep a check in this regard;

(c) whether Government have sought cooperation of the States and UTs in this matter; and

(d) if so, the views expressed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to prevent the sex selective foeticide, the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 banning disclosure of sex of foetus has been enacted and implemented in all States and UTs except J and K.